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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 9, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. A request for a three month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith. Also enclosed is a Notice of Appeal which is being filed to maintain the pendency of the application.

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